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**KASICH PRAISES HOUSE FOR PASSAGE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
LEGISLATION**

COLUMBUS—Today Gov. John R. Kasich released the following statement in response to passage of House Bill 262 (Fedor) by the House of Representatives:

“Right now it's estimated there are 1000 boys and girls being trafficked across Ohio. That's the size of a large high school, full of children forced into modern-day slavery. For too long, Ohio law hasn't done enough to both prosecute those guilty of trafficking our kids and support the child-victims who desperately need our help. That's why I'm so proud of Representative Fedor and Chairman Bulp for making this bill a priority and of the House of Representatives for coming together to swiftly pass this important legislation. Without the support of the FBI and its Innocence Lost Task Force, the Salvation Army, and Judge Paul Herbert, this progress would not be possible. Our children need and deserve our protection. With this bill, Ohio wakes up to what's happening and starts putting a stop to it.”

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